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MANITOBA DATA HIGHLIGHTS

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, Manitoba observed many ups and downs in it's labour market in 2003. For example, in the last four months of 2003 we saw employment declines of 8,300 (September) and 1,800 (November) but also large increases of 3,100 (December) and 5,500 (October). These monthly job movements have made it more difficult to understand what has happened in the Manitoba labour market in 2003.

Manitoba recorded slower job growth in 2003 than in 2002. Total employment in the province averaged 568,700 persons, up 1,700 from the 2002 average of 567,000. The 2003 growth rate was 0.3%, down from 2002's growth rate of 1.6% (up 10,900 jobs). Overall, Manitoba employment growth ranked ninth in comparison to other provinces and was below Canada's gain of 2.2%.

In 2003, Manitoba had the lowest average unemployment rate in the country at 5.0%. This rate is lower than Manitoba's 2002 average of 5.2% and appreciably lower than Canada's 2003 unemployment rate of 7.6%. Alberta at 5.1% had the second lowest average rate.

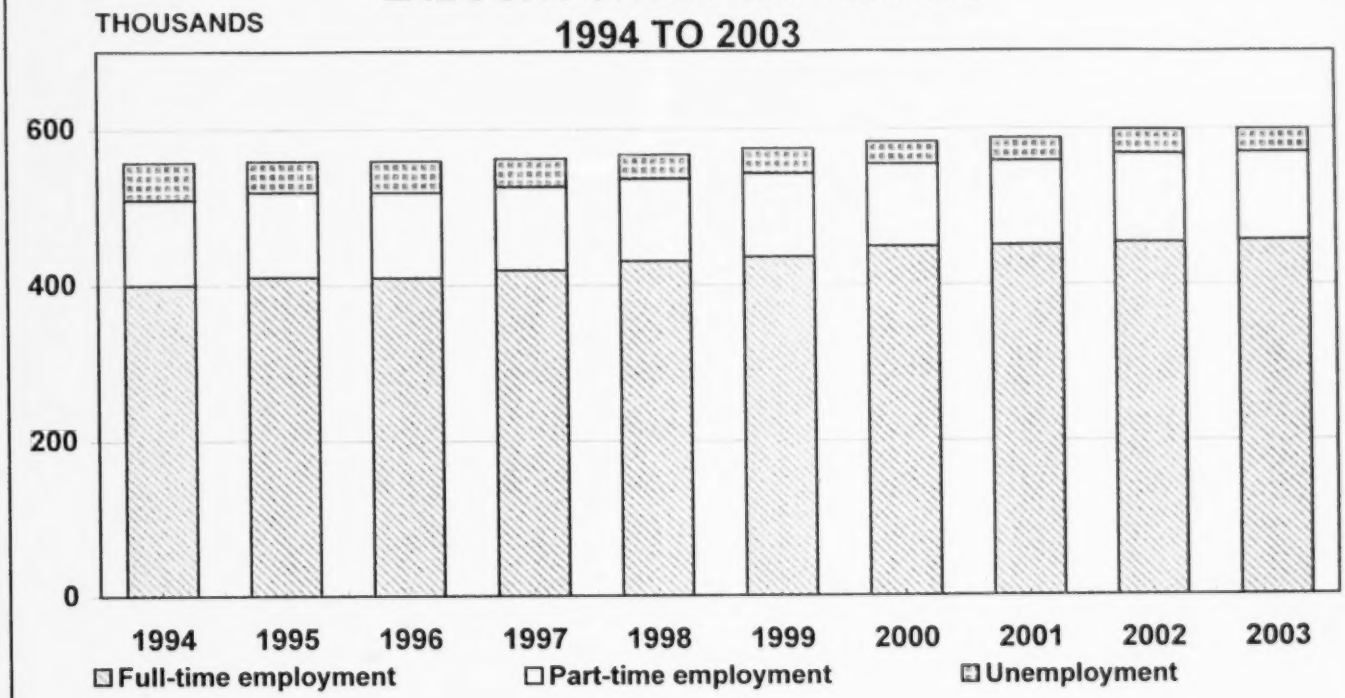
Manitoba's youth unemployment rate for 2003 averaged 9.8%, the second lowest rate in the country and 4.0 percentage points lower than the national rate of 13.8%. Manitoba's youth rate has declined by 0.4 percentage points compared to last year. The national rate has increased by 0.2 percentage points in the same time period.

All of Manitoba's gain in 2003 was in full-time jobs (up 3,000 or 0.7%), while part-time employment was down an estimated 1,300 jobs (-1.2%) over 2002 levels. Manitoba's performance in full-time job growth for 2003 ranks in ninth place provincially, and below the national full-time job growth rate of 2.0%.

Most of Manitoba's employment gains were in the goods producing industries, where there was a increase of 1,600 jobs in 2003 over 2002 (a growth rate of 1.2%). Employment in construction was up by 1,900 jobs, while utilities and manufacturing saw gains of 600 and 400 jobs respectively. This growth in manufacturing employment is an improvement over the decrease of 1,900 jobs in 2002. Total employment in the manufacturing sector averaged 69,200 persons in 2003, for a growth rate of 0.6% from the 2002 level. This was the fifth best performance among the provinces and ahead of the national growth rate of -1.4%.

The service-producing industries of Manitoba averaged 428,500 jobs in 2003, a slight increase over the 2002 level. However, this slight growth of 100 jobs does not relate the estimated increase of 6,000 jobs in the accommodation and "other services" (essentially a catchall covering a wide range of miscellaneous service industries) category. In addition, education employment increased by 1,500 and wholesale trade increased by 1,700. However, these gains were eroded with the reported job losses of 5,400, 1,400 and 1,400 in the retail trade, public administration and information, culture and recreation industries, respectively.

CHART 1: MANITOBA
LABOUR FORCE COMPOSITION
1994 TO 2003



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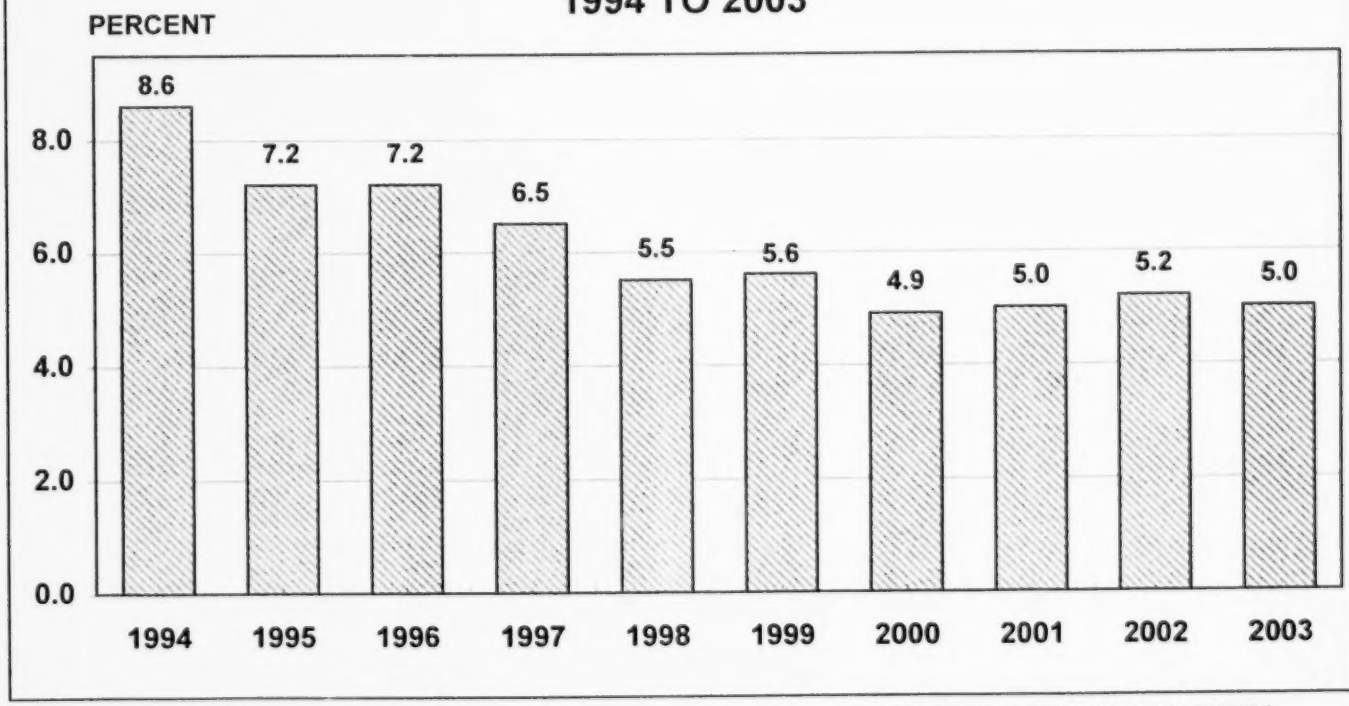

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CHART 3: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
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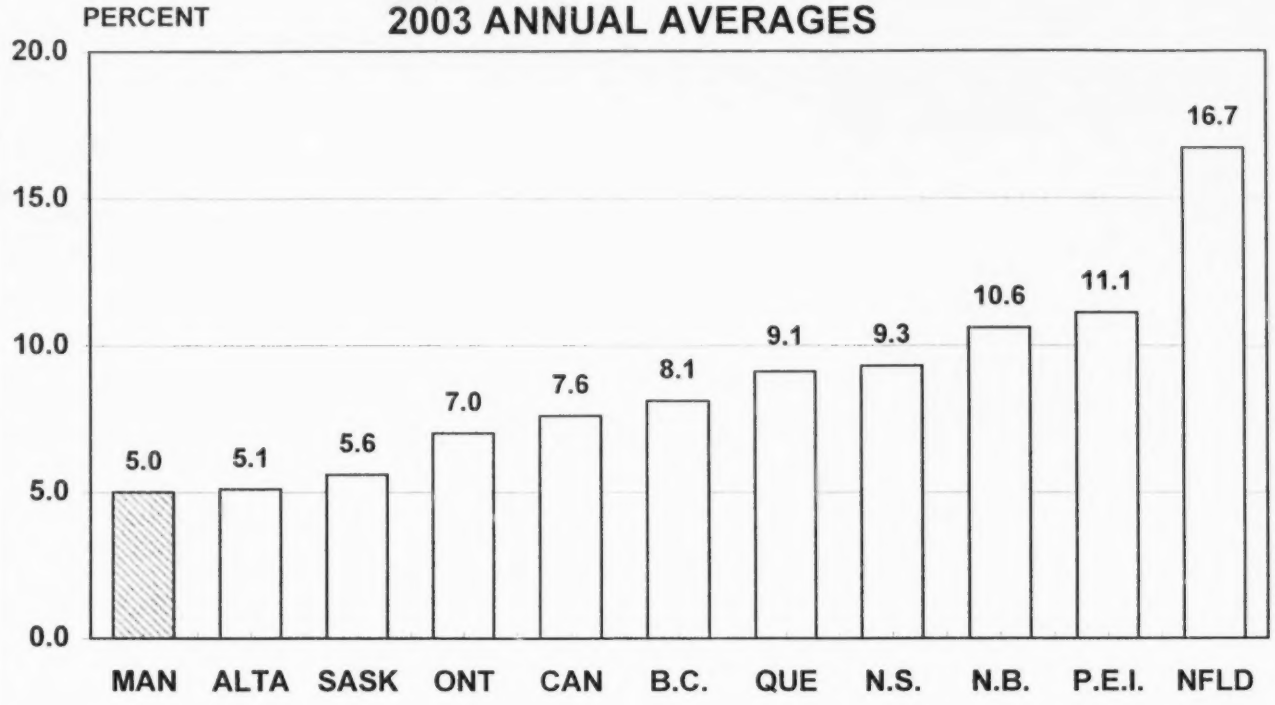

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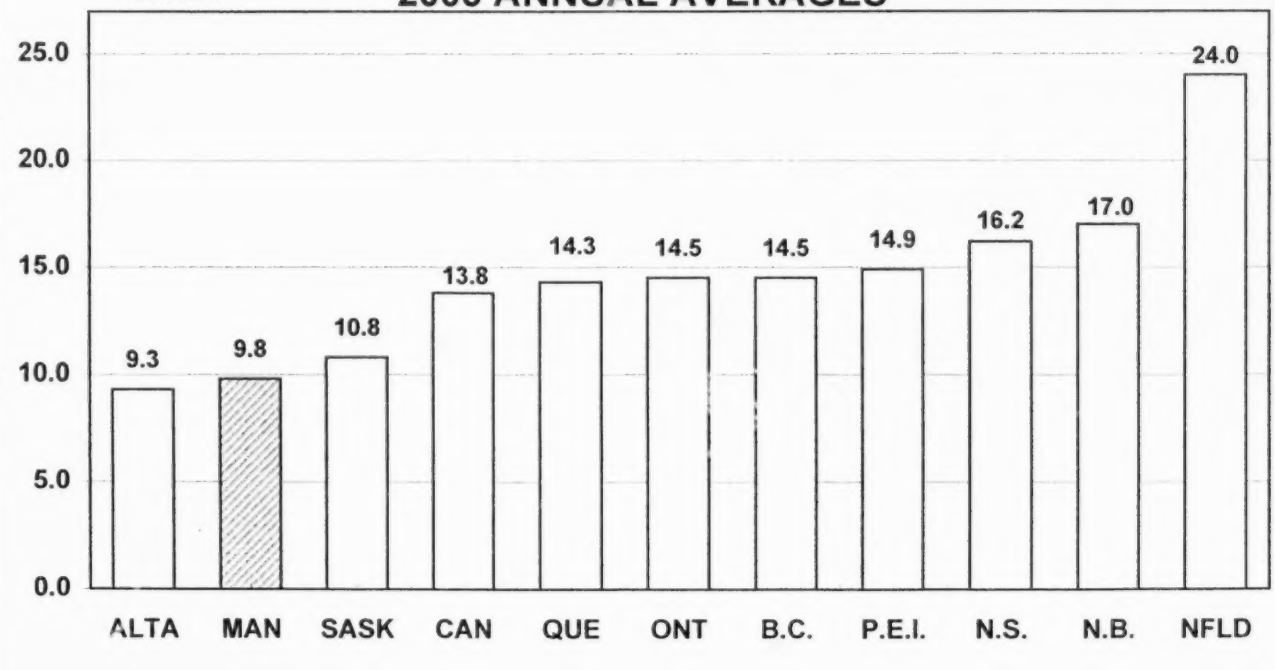

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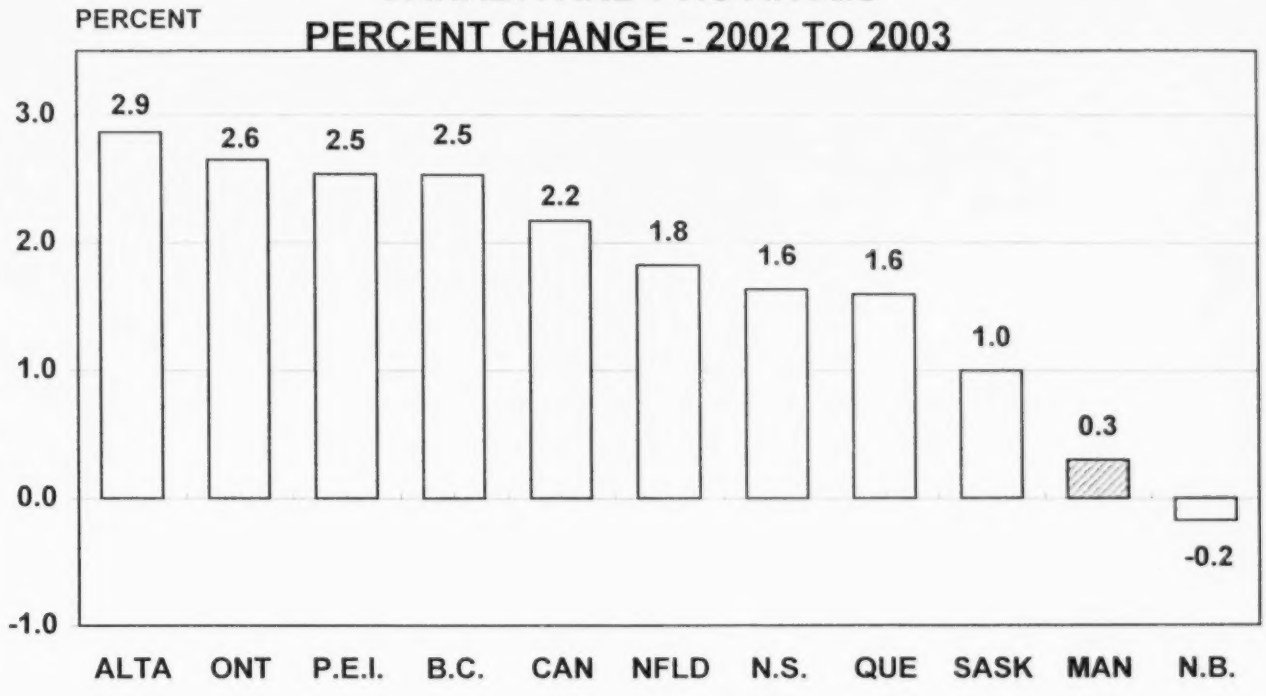

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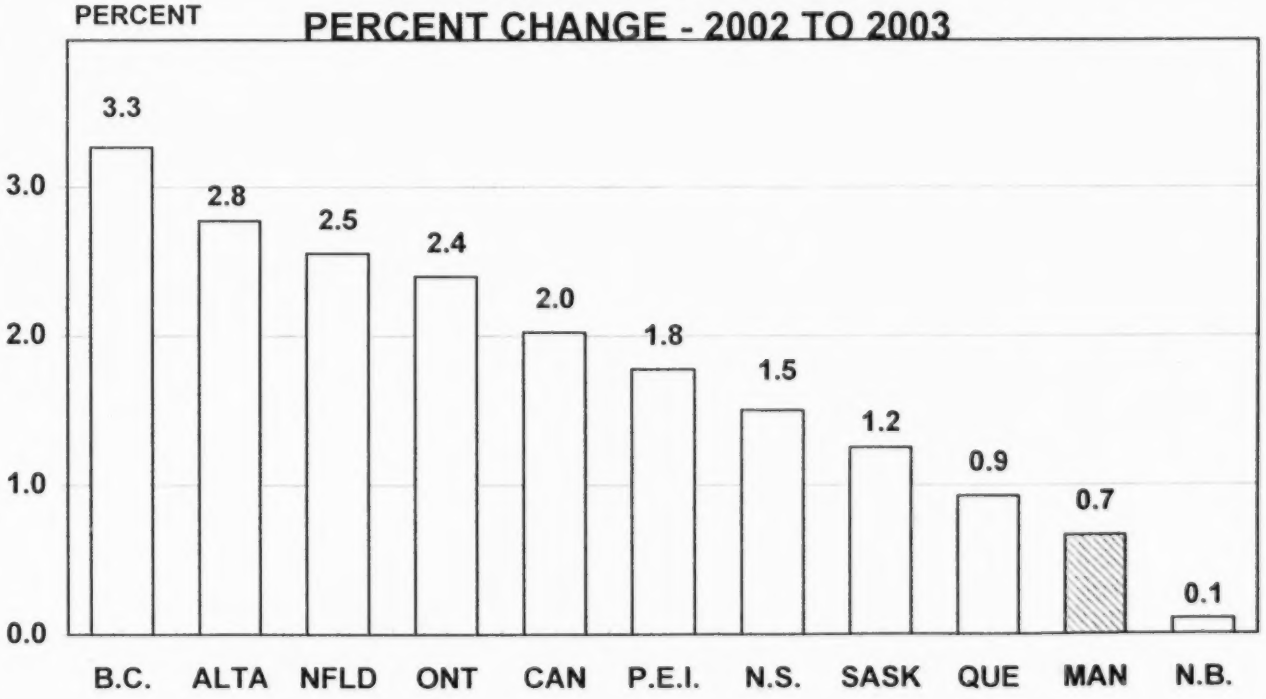

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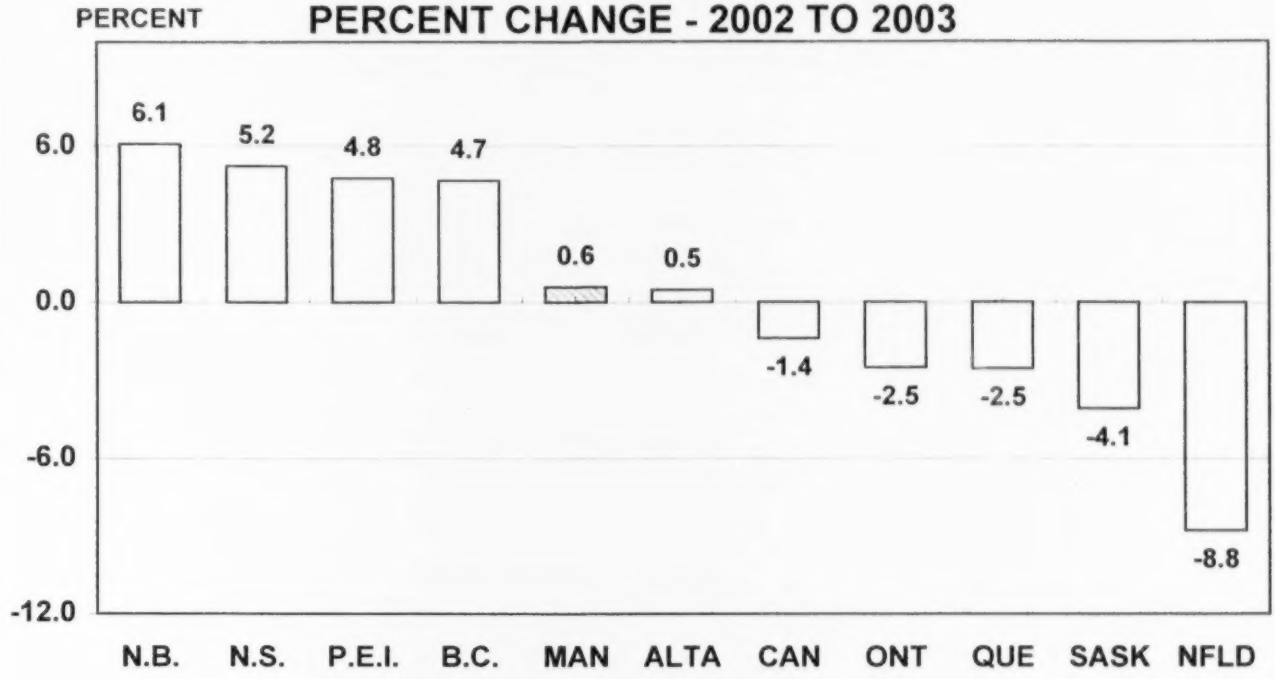

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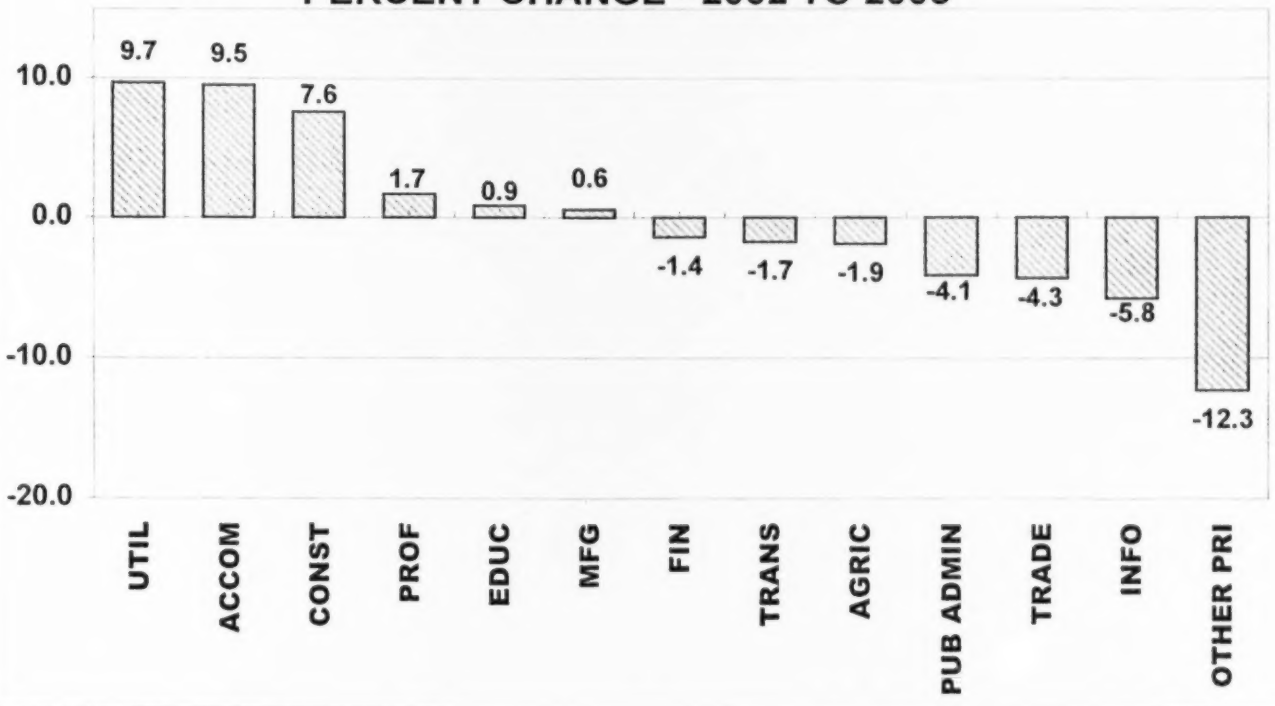

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TABLE 1: PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

	MANITOBA			CANADA		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
POPULATION 15 +	862,400	864,500	868,000	24,617,800	24,945,100	25,250,700
NOT in LABOUR FORCE	275,200	266,500	269,400	8,371,500	8,255,700	8,203,900
LABOUR FORCE	587,100	598,000	598,600	16,246,300	16,689,400	17,046,800
EMPLOYMENT	557,900	567,000	568,700	15,076,800	15,411,800	15,746,000
PART TIME	108,200	113,800	112,500	2,731,600	2,883,700	2,964,800
MEN	33,000	33,700	34,900	844,000	900,000	921,800
WOMEN	75,200	80,100	77,600	1,887,600	1,983,700	2,043,100
FULL TIME	449,700	453,200	456,200	12,345,200	12,528,200	12,781,100
MEN	268,700	270,300	270,200	7,265,700	7,362,000	7,484,900
WOMEN	181,000	182,800	186,000	5,079,500	5,166,100	5,296,200
UNEMPLOYMENT	29,300	31,000	29,900	1,169,600	1,277,600	1,300,900
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.0	5.2	5.0	7.2	7.7	7.6
PARTICIPATION RATE	68.1	69.2	69.0	66.0	66.9	67.5

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TABLE 1 (CONTINUED): PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

	MANITOBA PERCENT CHANGE		CANADA PERCENT CHANGE	
	2001 TO 2002	2002 TO 2003	2001 TO 2002	2002 TO 2003
POPULATION 15 +	0.2%	0.4%	1.3%	1.2%
NOT in LABOUR FORCE	-3.2%	1.1%	-1.4%	-0.6%
LABOUR FORCE	1.9%	0.1%	2.7%	2.1%
EMPLOYMENT	1.6%	0.3%	2.2%	2.2%
PART TIME	5.2%	-1.1%	5.6%	2.8%
MEN	2.1%	3.6%	6.6%	2.4%
WOMEN	6.5%	-3.1%	5.1%	3.0%
FULL TIME	0.8%	0.7%	1.5%	2.0%
MEN	0.6%	0.0%	1.3%	1.7%
WOMEN	1.0%	1.8%	1.7%	2.5%
UNEMPLOYMENT	5.8%	-3.5%	9.2%	1.8%
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	0.2pts	-0.2pts	0.5pts	-0.1pts
PARTICIPATION RATE	1.1pts	-0.2pts	0.9pts	0.6pts

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TABLE 2: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	2001	2002	2003	CHANGE 2001 TO 2002	CHANGE 2002 TO 2003
MANITOBA	5.0	5.2	5.0	0.2 pts.	-0.2 pts.
CANADA	7.2	7.7	7.6	0.5 pts.	-0.1 pts.
NEWFOUNDLAND	16.1	16.9	16.7	0.8 pts.	-0.2 pts.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	11.9	12.1	11.1	0.2 pts.	-1.0 pts.
NOVA SCOTIA	9.7	9.7	9.3	0.0 pts.	-0.4 pts.
NEW BRUNSWICK	11.2	10.4	10.6	-0.8 pts.	0.2 pts.
QUEBEC	8.7	8.6	9.1	-0.1 pts.	0.5 pts.
ONTARIO	6.3	7.1	7.0	0.8 pts.	-0.1 pts.
SASKATCHEWAN	5.8	5.7	5.6	-0.1 pts.	-0.1 pts.
ALBERTA	4.6	5.3	5.1	0.7 pts.	-0.2 pts.
BRITISH COLUMBIA	7.7	8.5	8.1	0.8 pts.	-0.4 pts.
* MANITOBA RANK	2	1	1		

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*** Ranking is in ascending order from the lowest unemployment rate**

TABLE 3: YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, CANADA AND PROVINCES

AGES 15 TO 24 YEARS

	2001	2002	2003	CHANGE 2001 TO 2002	CHANGE 2002 TO 2003
MANITOBA	9.7	10.2	9.8	0.5 pts.	-0.4 pts.
CANADA	12.8	13.6	13.8	0.8 pts.	0.2 pts.
NEWFOUNDLAND	24.7	23.6	24.0	-1.1 pts.	0.4 pts.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	16.3	16.3	14.9	0.0 pts.	-1.4 pts.
NOVA SCOTIA	17.7	18.3	16.2	0.6 pts.	-2.1 pts.
NEW BRUNSWICK	17.2	15.6	17.0	-1.6 pts.	1.4 pts.
QUEBEC	13.6	13.5	14.3	-0.1 pts.	0.8 pts.
ONTARIO	12.5	13.9	14.5	1.4 pts.	0.6 pts.
SASKATCHEWAN	11.5	11.0	10.8	-0.5 pts.	-0.2 pts.
ALBERTA	9.1	10.7	9.3	1.6 pts.	-1.4 pts.
BRITISH COLUMBIA	13.6	14.9	14.5	1.3 pts.	-0.4 pts.
* MANITOBA RANK	2	1	2		

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TABLE 4: TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	2001	2002	2003	PERCENT CHANGE 2001 TO 2002	PERCENT CHANGE 2002 TO 2003
MANITOBA	557,900	567,000	568,700	1.6%	0.3%
CANADA	15,076,800	15,411,800	15,746,000	2.2%	2.2%
NEWFOUNDLAND	211,300	213,900	217,800	1.2%	1.8%
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	65,900	67,100	68,800	1.8%	2.5%
NOVA SCOTIA	423,300	428,400	435,400	1.2%	1.6%
NEW BRUNSWICK	334,400	345,600	345,000	3.3%	-0.2%
QUEBEC	3,474,500	3,592,700	3,649,900	3.4%	1.6%
ONTARIO	5,962,700	6,068,000	6,228,500	1.8%	2.6%
SASKATCHEWAN	472,400	482,000	486,800	2.0%	1.0%
ALBERTA	1,632,100	1,673,800	1,721,700	2.6%	2.9%
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1,942,400	1,973,400	2,023,300	1.6%	2.5%
* MANITOBA RANK				7	9

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* Ranking is in descending order from the highest percent change

TABLE 5: FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	2001	2002	2003	PERCENT CHANGE 2001 TO 2002	PERCENT CHANGE 2002 TO 2003
MANITOBA	449,700	453,200	456,200	0.8%	0.7%
CANADA	12,345,200	12,528,200	12,781,100	1.5%	2.0%
NEWFOUNDLAND	180,800	180,400	185,000	-0.2%	2.5%
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	55,400	56,400	57,400	1.8%	1.8%
NOVA SCOTIA	347,800	347,300	352,500	-0.1%	1.5%
NEW BRUNSWICK	284,500	291,300	291,600	2.4%	0.1%
QUEBEC	2,877,400	2,950,800	2,978,100	2.6%	0.9%
ONTARIO	4,903,500	4,970,900	5,089,900	1.4%	2.4%
SASKATCHEWAN	380,600	384,500	389,300	1.0%	1.2%
ALBERTA	1,335,400	1,372,000	1,410,000	2.7%	2.8%
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1,529,900	1,521,400	1,571,100	-0.6%	3.3%
* MANITOBA RANK				7	9

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TABLE 6: MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT BY PROVINCE

	2001	2002	2003	PERCENT CHANGE 2001 TO 2002	PERCENT CHANGE 2002 TO 2003
MANITOBA	70,800	68,800	69,200	-2.8%	0.6%
CANADA	2,274,500	2,326,200	2,294,000	2.3%	-1.4%
NEWFOUNDLAND	16,400	17,100	15,600	4.3%	-8.8%
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	6,300	6,300	6,600	0.0%	4.8%
NOVA SCOTIA	43,500	45,900	48,300	5.5%	5.2%
NEW BRUNSWICK	39,000	39,500	41,900	1.3%	6.1%
QUEBEC	642,500	655,200	638,500	2.0%	-2.5%
ONTARIO	1,087,600	1,119,700	1,091,600	3.0%	-2.5%
SASKATCHEWAN	29,800	29,500	28,300	-1.0%	-4.1%
ALBERTA	142,300	147,100	147,800	3.4%	0.5%
BRITISH COLUMBIA	196,200	196,900	206,100	0.4%	4.7%
* MANITOBA RANK				10	5

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TABLE 7: MANITOBA TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	2001	2002	2003	PERCENT CHANGE 2001 TO 2002	PERCENT CHANGE 2002 TO 2003
AGRICULTURE	30,000	32,000	31,400	6.7%	-1.9%
OTHER PRIMARY (1)	6,800	6,500	5,700	-4.4%	-12.3%
UTILITIES	6,100	6,200	6,800	1.6%	9.7%
CONSTRUCTION	27,400	25,100	27,000	-8.4%	7.6%
MANUFACTURING	70,800	68,800	69,200	-2.8%	0.6%
TRADE	86,500	87,800	84,000	1.5%	-4.3%
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	36,400	34,900	34,300	-4.1%	-1.7%
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE & LEASING	28,800	28,600	28,200	-0.7%	-1.4%
PROFESSIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	40,500	41,800	42,500	3.2%	1.7%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	108,700	114,900	115,900	5.7%	0.9%
INFORMATION, CULTURE & RECREATION	22,700	24,300	22,900	7.0%	-5.8%
ACCOMMODATION & OTHER SERVICES	58,900	62,100	68,000	5.4%	9.5%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	34,200	34,000	32,600	-0.6%	-4.1%
TOTAL: GOODS PRODUCING	141,200	138,600	140,200	-1.8%	1.2%
TOTAL: SERVICE PRODUCING	416,600	428,400	428,500	2.8%	0.0%
TOTAL: ALL INDUSTRIES	557,900	567,000	568,700	1.6%	0.3%

(1) Includes Forestry, Fishing and Mining.

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